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## Congressman Tim Scott

South Carolina First Congressional District

## How Can I Get Help Seeking Treatment with the VA?

As with all other inquiries to federal agencies, the Federal Privacy Act requires that the constituent provide to me a written, signed privacy authorization detailing what you are requesting that agency to provide to me, along with all pertinent information about your case. If your request involves the release of medical records to me on your behalf, the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that you complete and sign a special HIPAA authorization form that can also be found on my website. If you have access to the Internet, you can find the necessary form(s) for this purpose on my website at <a href="www.timscott.house.gov">www.timscott.house.gov</a>. If you do not have access to the Internet, we can mail them to you or you can pick one up at either of my District Offices shown above.

## **Inquiry Process**

While members of Congress have the right of inquiry to federal agencies on behalf of their constituents, they do not have direct jurisdiction over those agencies. They are part of the Executive Branch and answer ultimately to the President. A Congressional Inquiry is helpful in highlighting problems that may occur in the bureaucratic process.

When I receive your privacy authorization with the details of your request, I will make the inquiry regarding your issue. The inquiry may take six to eight weeks to receive a response. Some take less and others may take longer. As soon as I receive a response, a member of my staff will contact you with the results.